

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3703
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RULES FOR POSTING OF ARMY OFFICERS TO MES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Army Officers are posted to MES on tenure basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for not framing/guidelines for posting of Army Officers in MES; and
- (d) the time by which the such comprehensive rules/guidelines are likely to be issued?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Army Officers are posted to Military Engineer Service (MES) in accordance with provisions of Statutory Rules and Orders (SRO) 19E which provides that 'The Military Engineer Services comprise of officers, Junior Commissioned Officers and other Ranks of the Corps of Engineers and Civilian personnel'. No tenure is prescribed for posting them.
- (b) The SRO 19E specifies number of posts and proportion or percentage of posts of Army Officers in the MES.
- (c) In view of the provisions of SRO 19E, there is no need to frame guidelines for posting of army officers in MES.
- (d) In view of answer to part (c) above, the question does not arise.